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Never-ending drain widening work at intersection of Vittal Mallya Road, Walton Road and Lavelle Road troubling motorists THIS IS THE PITS

Situation worsens during 12:00 pm-3:00 pm time frame

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Commuters have been facing bottlenecks at the Vittal Mallya-Lavelle roads intersection for the past five months. The drain-widening project undertaken by a private firm at the spot has morphed into a never ending infra conundrum.

The situation has also made the motorists increasingly impatient while passing through the stretch. Most are seen blasting their horns in frustration, trapped in the traffic chaos.

Between 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm, children from nearby schools exiting the premises makes matters worse. At the intersection point of Vittal Mallya Road, Walton Road, and Lavelle Road, work is ongoing at two spots which area residents said were delayed due to rains. Even the presence of 3-4 traffic police personnel at the junction does not seem to be of any help. Riders take at least 10-15 minutes to traverse

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Commuters suffering in this environment may carry the frustration to their offices or homes; this could impact their relationships...

— Dr Shradha Shejekar, consultant psychiatrist

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Clay time

KSPCB to make 10,000 eco-friendly clay idols for Ganesh Chaturthi

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Access still denied

Washrooms for women pourakarmikas inside cabins locked at certain times

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B'luru to be new aerospace hub?

In a bid to make the state the hub for the aerospace sector, the State Government has decided to train school and college students in aerospace engineering.

Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs JC Madhuswamy said, "The state cabinet has extended the aerospace policy and wants to make Karnataka -- and Bengaluru in particular -- the aerospace hub."

Karnataka was the first state in the country to declare an aerospace policy back in 2013 and was valid till 2022. Now, the State Government has decided to extend this for another five years.

Till now, Karnataka has a share of more than 65 per cent of the exports of defence and aerospace sector. "To maintain this lead, a new aerospace and defence policy will be announced," the minister said, adding that around 25 per cent of India's aircraft and spacecraft industry is based in Karnataka.

The state also contributes to 65 per cent of the country's aerospace-related exports from India.

According to him, the policy aims to promote development of indigenous and advanced technologies, promote development of manufacturing for space related applications, develop world class skilled manpower. He said that the city had expertise in aerospace with more than 2,000 MSMEs. Ten colleges have been identified with 200 students to be selected who will be paid a stipend of Rs 70,000, he said. — **Sridhar Vivan**

Ganesha who is eyeing Guinness World Record

Karnataka State Pollution Control Board to sculpt 10,000 clay idols for Ganesh Chaturthi; event aims at spreading message of taking the eco-friendly route

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The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) plans on setting a Guinness World Record with the upcoming Ganesha festival. The board plans on sculpting 10,000 clay Ganesha idols and the event will be held at National College Ground, Basavangudi on August 28 at 3 pm.

"Last year we had urged Bangaloreans to sculpt turmeric Ganesha and the event was a huge success with hundreds of idols recorded in the Asia Book of Records. This time, we are aiming for a Guinness World Record by sculpting 10,000 idols," said KSPCB Chairman Dr Shanth A Thimmaiah.

Participants will include hundreds of students from various schools and colleges in the city, non-government organisations and the public. Every participant will get a kit consisting of 3.5 kg of hardened clay, flower or medicinal plant seeds, half a metre of cloth and a wooden board to sculpt the idol.

Around 1,000 artists from Chitrakala Parishad will help the volunteers sculpt the idol. Post the event, an eco-friendly handbag will be distributed to carry the idol home for worshipping it and later immersing it in a pot or the garden.

"The event will have one artist for a group of



Potters in Basavanagudi busy moulding clay idols of Ganesha ahead of Ganesh Chaturthi

ten people. The instructor will guide the participants on how to go about making the idol," said a

Officials say the event is to educate people about harmful effects of Plaster of Paris and how it impacts our water bodies

KSPCB official.

According to KSPCB officials, the event will also help in raising awareness about the harmful impacts of the idols made up of Plaster of Paris (PoP) and immersing these idols in water bodies.

"Many school children and youth will participate in the event, making it a great platform to raise awareness about the eco-friendly way of celebrating the festivals. It will educate them about the harmful impacts of PoP Ganesha and how such chemicals adversely affect our water bodies," said KSPCB member-secretary Srinivasulu.

After the event, people will go back home with the idols they sculpted and perform puja before immersing the idol inside a pot or in their gardens.

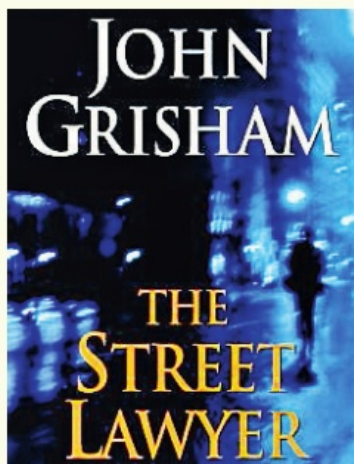
As many as 20 BMTC buses are also being deployed by the board to take the participants to the venue.

All the lakes will be monitored by the board during the upcoming festival and 22 mobile immersion tanks are also being arranged in the city to facilitate the immersion of the idols.

The event is being held in association with Bangalore Ganesha Utsava Samiti and Sri Vidyaranya Yuvaka Sangha.

5 LONG WEEKEND THINGS TO DO With the long weekend ahead of you, ditch the binge-watch and chill plans and do something meaningful. Bangalore Mirror has some get-out-of-the-room ideas that might help!

01 Whodunnit, anyone?



What better way to spend a weekend than by indulging in a good book discussion? Catch a review of *The Street Lawyer* by John Grisham, at the Urban Solace's Book Lover's Club. A household name for all bibliophiles, John Ray Grisham Jr. born February 8th, 1955, is an American novelist and lawyer known for his popular legal thrillers. According to the American Academy of Achievement, Grisham

has written 47 consecutive number-one fiction bestsellers, and his books have sold 300 million copies worldwide. Along with Tom Clancy and JK Rowling, Grisham is one of only three authors to have sold two million copies on a first printing. **Where:** Urban Solace, Annaswamy Mudaliar Road; **When:** Aug 14 **Contact:** 9845013055, 9945022177

02 Hot beats



Foxtrot Maratha-halli presents "The Saturday Pill" with DJ Rhea. For the uninitiated, Rhea has been playing music since 9 years, focusing on various kinds of genres and recently started playing live darbuka

(percussion instrument) along with her DJ sets. She started her career in Kolkata with few music festivals, went on to play for IPL KKR post parties & moved to Bangalore later for good. She has played for many reputed nightclubs, weddings & corporate events all across India. **Where:** Foxtrot, Marathahalli, Outer Ring Road; **When:** Aug 13, 8 pm onwards; **Info:** +91 91081 36001

03 Melodies that unite



The Kalā Premi Foundation is an organisation devoted to promoting awareness and appreciation of art, literature and culture. It regularly holds concerts, lecture demonstrations, talks, workshops, etc., which promote this objective. On August, 15, the foundation will present 'Triraga - ragas and

harmony' - music to mirror the coming together of the colours of Tiranga. **Where:** The Seva Sadan Auditorium, Malleswaram **When:** Aug 15, 6.30 pm

04 Of faith, family, and more



'Miracle on Matunga Street' is the story of a family matriarch Tulsa Harry Peter who happily runs her soup kitchen and tends to the family heirloom, - a twenty-foot shrine of the Blessed Mother "Velankanni Amma" which adjoins the house. This beacon of faith was commemorated on the day in 1947 when blessed mother "Velankanni Amma" materialized in her father's barber shop. During the course of the meeting, the entire family's faith is shaken to the very core

when a deathbed confession causes the family legend to unravel. The results are heartfelt and hilarious. The play delivers a solid message on faith, the lack of it, why we believe what we believe and how we can, or must, adjust to life's surprises. Tickets are selling fast, so you may want to book this at the earliest. **Where:** Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar **When:** Aug 14, multiple slots **Tickets:** bookmyshow.com

05 Checkmate, peeps!



Bangalore Chess Club is an open chess community to join and be a part of! Come, play on the board chess with everyone, banter, trash talk and have fun! Bring your chess sets along. **Where:** Lahe Lahe **When:** 14th Aug, 10am-1pm **Tickets:** 9886294444

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Ready – but not quite

Washrooms for women pourakarmikas are located inside cabins which are locked at certain times, limiting access for them

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Much to the relief of the city's BBMP pourakarmikas, the civic body has decided to open the completed Suvudha Cabins for use.

While the BBMP has not completed construction of all 220 cabins, even the completed ones were shut for a long time.

Suvudha Cabins enable pourakarmikas to consume their meals under a shelter, and are equipped with restroom facilities. About a month ago, BBMP decided to open the completed cabins for use.

Previously, they had announced that the construction for 68 units were complete.

This would be a major shift from the practice of pourakarmikas being forced to eat on the roadside and scramble in search of toilets.

When BM visited one of the Suvudha Cabins, the area supervisor was opening the locked facility.

"The facility is opened at 10:30 am for breakfast and at 1:30 pm for lunch. For the remainder of the time, the facility remains locked," the BBMP area supervisor said.

BBMP seems to have delivered most of the promised facilities. There are two separate washrooms and changing rooms for men and women. There is a big wooden shelf for them to keep their valuables. The rooms have working water and electricity supply. There are charging stations for phones as well.

However, BM



These Cabins enable pourakarmikas to consume their meals under a shelter – something they could not do before

“The facility is opened at 10:30 am for breakfast and at 1:30 pm for lunch. For the remainder of the time, the facility remains locked

– BBMP area supervisor

also begs the question if they would have to depend on public toilet facilities again.

Squatting on the floor and having their meals, pourakarmikas that spoke to BM expressed their happiness of being able to eat their meals comfortably without worrying about rain or shine.

As part of a Rs 18.31 crore project, BBMP had proposed the construction of 220 Suvudha Cabins benefitting around 18,000 pourakarmikas. Even after eight months since the

announcement, work has not been completed. BBMP said that the contractor has been given six months for completion of construction.

"Among the 221 Cabins, the completed ones have been opened for use for now. We have given them six months for completion. In some places there are issues with the site identified and require a change of location, but the construction will be completed within the tender period," said BBMP Special Commissioner (Solid Waste Management) Dr Harish Kumar.

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Suvudha Cabins not ready

In January, BBMP announced 221 restrooms for pourakarmikas within six months



BM's report on June 26 spoke of teething issues of the cabins

could not find a separate feeding station, and the first-aid kit was not kept inside the cabin.

Additionally, the men's washroom is located outside the cabin and the women's washroom is inside, posing the question of washroom accessibility for female pourakarmikas when the place is locked. It

18% GST on property rent 'too high'

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After the goods and services council meeting, the new GST rules stated that 18 per cent GST will be applicable to residential property rent. However, experts pointed out that this could indirectly affect employees working in a firm and that the percentage rate should be reduced.

According to the rules, a service provider (with an aggregate income of more than Rs 20 lakh per annum) or a business (with aggregate income by selling products of more than Rs 40 lakh per annum) rents a house, they will be liable to pay the 18 per cent tax, but they must be registered under GST. For those who are not registered, there is no rule to pay any GST for the rent.



The new GST rule will not be applicable for unregistered service providers

For a common man, this does not seem to apply, but a person carrying out a business would have to incur 18 per cent GST on rent paid to the owner.

Pradeep Joe, President, Confederation of Real Estate Associates (India), said, "This is bound to

impact the companies and professionals who have taken residential properties on rent or lease. Many would have taken it for lease. Eventually, for firms like this, they have a set target expenditure. Now, with the increase in GST, they will have to shell out more and it will indirectly affect the employees. They would be asked to pay a minimal amount."

He added that as the government has not made this rule for the common man, it will be a relief to them, but for firms, a minimal tax amount (three or four per cent) can be considered.

"18 per cent is very high. Although we can support the government, it should not be a liability to the employee," he further said.

A member from The Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI) said, "This new rule will end up increasing the cost for employees where the companies are offering free services."

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Kasturi Nagar



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Finish your work

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The corporation has removed all stone slabs in 65th Cross, 5th Block, Rajajinagar. They have not been replaced in two months.

Text conversation that cost bizman almost ₹15 lakh

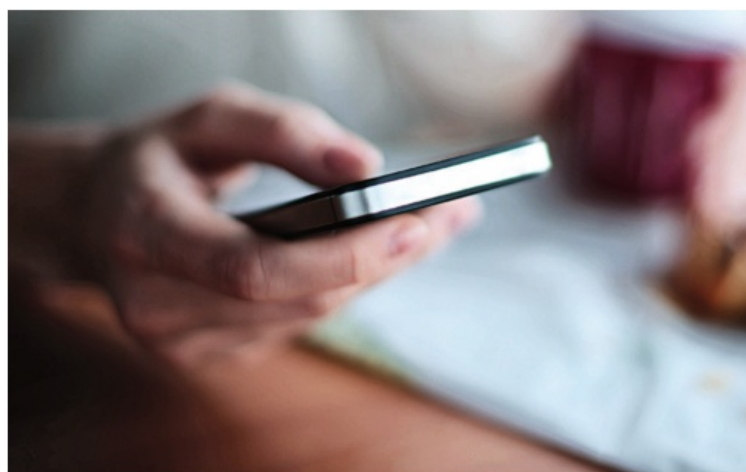
Intimate pictures, videos exchanged between 73-yr-old man & two women land him in trouble

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A 73-year-old businessman was extorted of nearly Rs 15 lakh as a result of exchanging intimate pictures and videos with two women, one of whom was an acquaintance of four years.

The victim Ramesh (name changed) is a resident of HSR Layout and an industrialist who owns a company in Singasandra on Hosur Road. Four years ago, he had met a woman named Kavana while taking insurance premiums for his firm. Kavana re-



One of the women would call him regularly for a job

introduced herself to Ramesh recently, recollecting that they had met earlier.

She introduced one of her friends named Nidhi to him on the pretext of her needing a job. Both Nidhi and Kavana used to keep calling Ramesh and they regularly chatted on

WhatsApp.

On August 3, around 11 am, Nidhi called up Ramesh and asked him to come near a HP Petrol Bunk on Hosur Road, and when Ramesh drove his car to the petrol bunk, two men forced themselves into Ramesh's car. They then told Ramesh that they were from

The two men threatened the victim saying that they were from the Crime Department and had received a complaint against him from a woman

the Crime Department and that they had received a complaint from a woman alleging that Ramesh was harassing her. The two men then showed the chat messages and the videos he had shared with Nidhi and Kavana. The two then took away his car keys and mobile phones. They then started to ask Ramesh how much money he could pay in exchange for the incriminating pictures and videos. When Ramesh told the men that he could afford Rs 50,000, they said it would not be enough.

After negotiations, Ramesh went to the National Cooperative Bank at the Kudlu Gate and withdrew Rs 3.4

lakh and gave the money to the duo. They then demanded Rs 6 lakh for deleting all the chat messages and videos that he shared with the women. Ramesh then went to his house and took Rs 6 lakh and gave the money to the men. The men again started demanding Rs 5 lakh or else, they would send the chat messages and videos to his close family members to ruin his reputation.

By then, Ramesh had started suspecting the two men were not cops and were associates of the women. Ramesh then confronted the two stating that he would give Rs 50,000 and call it quits. He was asked to come to Bannappa Park on KG Road where he gave Rs 50,000 to the men, and when they started demanding more money, Ramesh approached the Halasuru Gate police and filed a complaint against both women and the two men. Cops then booked them for criminal conspiracy, extortion, cheating and criminal intimidation. The businessman told the cops that he had lost around 14.9 lakh in total to the extortionists.

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Bus kills woman riding pillion

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A woman riding pillion on Magadi Road was killed on the spot after a bus hit the handles of the two-wheeler, causing both riders to fall. The incident happened on Thursday.

The deceased has been identified as Sharada KR, 40, a resident of Mahalakshmi Layout and a homemaker. The accident happened around 11.45 am in front of the Royal Mart on Magadi Main Road. The Byadrahalli police said that the victim riding pillion was wearing a half-helmet, and soon after she fell, the helmet unfastened from her head. Her nephew Sukh Dev was riding the Honda Activa and he too fell, sustaining injuries to his hand and leg, the police said.

The BMTC bus driver, in a bid to overtake the scooter, hit the handles of the two-wheeler, causing both riders to lose their balance and fall

Sukh Dev and his aunt were on the way from their house in Mahalakshmi Layout towards Kachohalli where Sharada ran a fancy store. When the scooter reached in front of the Royal Mart near College bus stop on Magadi Main Road, a BMTC bus (registration number KA-57-F-2358) was rash-driving and trying to overtake the scooter when the bus brushed with the scooter's handle.

"While rider Sukh Dev fell to the right, Sharada who was riding pillion, fell towards the left and her head came under the rear wheel of the bus, the police said. It was a fatal injury. Her body was shifted to Victoria Hospital for postmortem, and based on her husband's complaint, the Byadrahalli police have registered a case booking the driver of the BMTC bus for causing accidental death due to rash and negligent driving," a senior police officer from Byadrahalli told BM.

For four years, he hoodwinked traffic police

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The Magadi Road traffic police nabbed a 29-year-old data entry operator who was riding his scooter using a fake number plate and violating traffic rules unabated for the last four years.

The traffic police would slap a fine against the owner of the bike whose number plate the accused was using. Though the owner Badriprasad paid a total of Rs 11,000 as a fine for the violations he had not committed, he also raised a complaint with the traffic management centre, about the misuse of his registration plate and challenged the violations.

The cheating came to light when PSI Nanjegowda and police constable Mahesh Kamble reached Cholorpalya 6th cross based on a complaint about an abandoned scooter.

Upon checking the registration number of the vehicle to trace Badriprasad, he said that though the registration number belonged to him, the scooter was not his.

Based on the information, the police traced the accused Ramgopal, who confessed that he was hoodwinking the traffic police for the last four years.

Ramgopal told the police that he had filed a vehicle theft complaint with the City Market police in 2016 and even claimed the insurance. Two years later, he got back his vehicle, but did not inform the police nor the insurance company. Without informing anyone he started using the same by faking a number plate of same model, colour vehicle and started driving the scooter on the road and also committed violations with impunity, Kuldeep Kumar R Jain, DCP, traffic, West Division, said.

Cops seized his bike and also filed a cheating and forgery case against him with the KP Aghara police.



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Indianness, then and now

There isn't, and shan't be, an iota of doubt, that it is an incredible and unique currency that has held this great nation together post independence.

That currency is Indianness, a mental plane where we all belong beyond our differences. What we hold forth is a futuristic idea of togetherness that many modern states in the west are struggling to embrace now, especially in Scandinavia and the rest of Europe, in the social assimilation of refugees arriving from conflict zones.

So, when we celebrate freedom today, we are upholding a new internationalism derived from this Indianness, an eclectic collective mind space woven together by varied languages, traditions, cultures and a confluence of religions alongside the syncretism that is set in motion as a result, though, many holes are yet to be plugged such as the spectre of casteism, rising income gaps alongside poverty, hunger and malnutrition. Nevertheless, Indianness has weathered diabolic campaigns to tear into the ever vibrant social fabric of this ancient geography for political or monetary gain.

The Indianness that we must celebrate is of assimilated living, a present-day rarity and challenge in homogenous societies that crave for variety in drab uniformity. When this great currency is up for sale, and citizens are pushed and shoved towards the dread of drab uniformity against their will, a catch phrase and price point thrown in as flavour, the latest of cases being the sale of tricolour, perhaps we are collectively avoiding the much needed scrutiny of this fading idea of Indianness in the din of hollow celebratory bravado that overlooks the plight of the most vulnerable Indian who represents the majority. Time does gnaw at a nation's ethos, if floundering safeguards go uncaught, gatekeepers turn corrupt and crises stare us in the face when burning social issues are brushed under the carpet, amid middle class apathy.

Societies, cultures, countries, sensibilities, ideas and even great scientific constants are vulnerable to pressure from the changing world order, and the nature of polity (or absolute power). Freedoms in India are not immune either. Just as freedom is not absolute in a democracy, it can also be what the current representatives of the constitutional authority deem fit. At the moment, fundamental freedoms, such as of assembly and protest, of even our elected representatives seem to be in question, as defecting MPs and MLAs mindlessly sway across ideologies with absolutely no accountability to their constituents, while the celebration of the 75 years of independence is seemingly reduced to tricolour tokenism.



It is a bit odd, when e-commerce websites hold 'freedom sale' and such promotional discount offerings around days of national importance. Now this trend has caught up with urban civic authorities too. The symbol of freedom is up for sale in the metropolis for you and I to buy into - for the great freedom sale of the tricolour, civic staff are told to work hard and meet targets.

In Bengaluru, sans a council of representatives, and the prospect of a council being constantly pushed aside, why are authorities scrambling to sell national flags as reports suggest some of these are poor imitations bypassing indigenous Khadi tricolours? Since when did the idea of freedom become a unique selling point?

Seventy five years after throwing off the shackles of British colonial conditioning, what constitutes Indianness today, in our diverse, multicultural and pluralistic society deserves deep thought more than anything, not a sales push, on the eve of Independence Day — fact is, while Indianness is waxing the world over, it is on the wane in India.

Surely it is waning for those who were allegedly denied ration the other day for refusing to buy the tricolour for Rs 20 at a public distribution centre. On the contrary, Indianness is waxing for big tech CEOs and other persons of interest elsewhere of Indian origin, and of course, for a British politician running to be prime minister of our country's last oppressor.

The curious thing is, of late Indianness is glorious only for a tiny proportion of the populace, comprising the rich and elite middle class, and on the decline for the majority of the impoverished lot who are denied the right to bare necessities even today. Should they buy a day's ration or the tricolour for Rs 20?

Persuading hapless citizens to shell out hard earned money, set aside for their next meal, and buy the tricolour to prove that they belong over and over again, at a time of record price rise and joblessness, is despicable. It is not a celebration of Indianness but absolute desecration of it. Indianness truly is unlike being the citizen of any other country on the planet and that is what really calls for celebration in a world being torn apart by politicians pitting citizen against citizen at the behest of multinational corporations.

Flying? Take the train

BIAL will soon kick off campaign to spread awareness about new Memu trains to and from airport among its employees, passengers

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In a bid to increase patronage of recently launched Memu trains, the Kempegowda International Airport is all set to start a Memu awareness campaign at the airport. According to the officials at Bengaluru International Airport Limited (BIAL), a slew of measures will be taken and communication materials will be introduced that will update the airport commuters, BIAL staff and partners about the train service, to and from BIAL.

"We have created internal communication to create awareness about the service among the BIAL community. The material is being prepared and will be seen at the airport in the form of posters. We will send internal mailers to the HR departments of the organisations of BIAL. For passengers, we will have announcements done," said a BIAL official.

BIAL has a huge community of more than 28,000 including airlines, cargo partners, retail outlets, etc.

"We need to create awareness about the service among the community members. To begin with, mostly the blue-collar workers will be using the Memu train service. Most of the BIAL staff use the transport service provided by BIAL to commute to work. They are picked up from their homes and dropped back. This arrangement



Trains to Kempegowda International Airport are yet to pick pace

cannot be changed overnight. Moreover, while we have the shuttle buses from Devanahalli station to the airport, the last mile connectivity from their homes to the railway station will be an issue," said the official.

With their low fares and good frequency, the Memu service is yet to become a hit among commuters.

However, activists say patronage will improve over time. "Out of the present five pairs of Memu trains to Devanahalli, those operating only up to Yelahanka should be extended to Yeshvantpura, which is an important hub. The trains can also be extended to KSR Bengaluru City to cover Malleshwaram along the route. Moreover, a large catchment area towards Whitefield-Bangarpet as well as Heelalige-Hosur is devoid of train services to the airport despite the high demand. The SWR should contemplate on

providing at least one dedicated pair of trains on these two routes," said Raj Kumar Dugar, a rail commuter activist and founder of C4C.

Activists also propose the doubling of the 24-km Yelahanka to Devanahalli single track to improve patronage. "Until the Yelahanka to Devanahalli track is doubled, Doddajala can be upgraded from halt to crossing station to facilitate higher frequency of services. SWR should also take all steps to ensure the dissemination of information about these services," added Dugar.

According to a senior BIAL official, the Memu train service will take some time to stabilise. "Any adaptation and behavioural change take time. The SWR has started this service after a long time and we will extend all our support in this endeavour," said the official.

While the first set of Memu trains to the airport was started two years back, it was withdrawn within a couple of months on account of low patronage. "We would like the authorities to do all that is necessary towards ensuring the success of the service," said a commuter.

Now boarding: Train to airport



Daily, on average, only 7 passengers riding recently launched Memu

BM had reported on August 11 that there were not many takers for the Memu trains to airport so far

Junction of chaos

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the stretch. Largely private vehicles, four-wheeler and two-wheeler pile ups on all three roads are commonplace. "Sometimes, it takes about 10-15 minutes to cross. The situation worsens between 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm especially when the children exit schools leading to a horde of parents and pick-up vans making their entry into the roads. School children crossing the roads add to woes. The situation has been persistently unbearable for the past five months," said Salim Pasha, a regular commuter.

According to riders, the area does not witness intense bottlenecks outside the 12:00 pm-3:00 pm time frame — in fact the area was free from traffic jams before the work started.

This correspondent was stuck on Lavelle Road for more than eight minutes. "It takes approximately 1 hour 40 minutes to reach Vittal Mallya Road from Mysore Road. The real problem is the increasing number of vehicles," another commuter

added. Auto-rickshaw drivers who witness the plight daily told BM that the traffic is leading to an increasing number of people cancelling rides. "Most of these areas allow just one-way traffic; one has to go around. Passengers at Residency Road, seeing 10-minute waiting time for such a small distance, tend to cancel rides. Traffic also spikes during Saturday and Sunday," said Babu, an auto driver.

Businesses have begun to see a minor dip in customers with many avoiding the stretch. "Nowadays, people check Google Maps; if they see congestion, they avoid the area. During rains, the situation worsens," manager of a commercial establishment said.

Another establishment complained that constant honking and no-parking rule are driving away customers. "Vehicles users are aware of the situation but continue to honk. There is added inconvenience of not being able to provide parking," said Sandra, manager of a spa.

Delivery partners BM spoke to added that they now dread coming

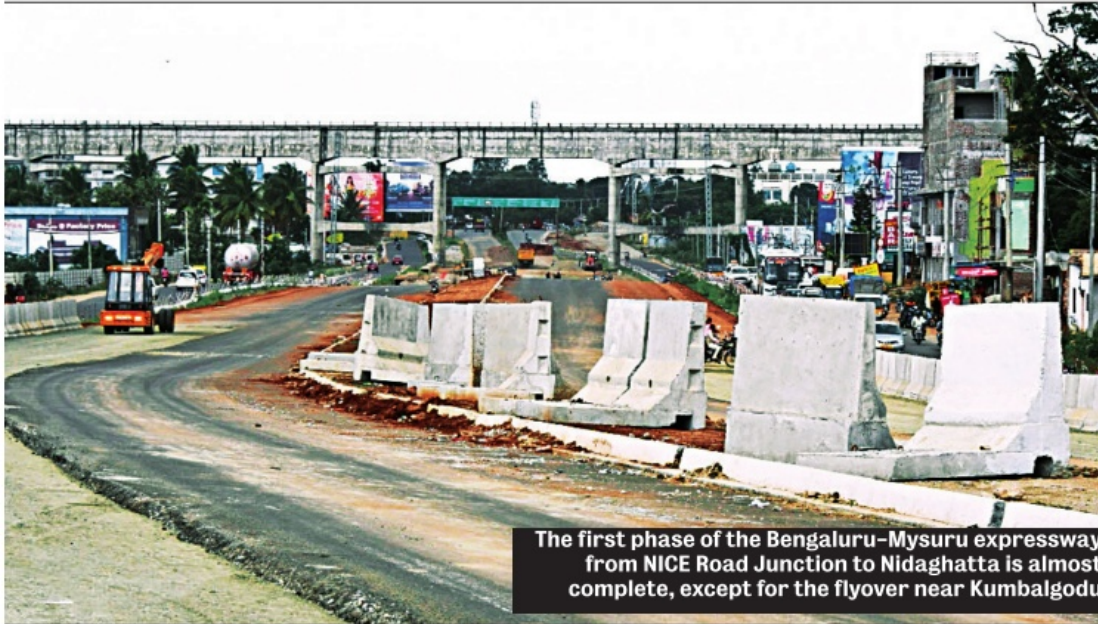
to the stretch and try to avoid the junction area.

While traffic officials are deployed in the area, they are helpless with the work progressing with no declared deadline. "Until the repair work is completed, commuters will have to live with the problem. They have now dug up two places adding to the woes. Whenever there is a traffic jam, we are deploying more personnel," a traffic official said.

The private contractor responsible for the repair told BM that they are preparing to unfurl the national flag on Independence Day. "Work is ongoing but it has been slow due to multiple cables and pipes laid underneath. It won't be possible to put a deadline," he said.

"If you are exposed to noise pollution from honking, it could affect your overall quality of life. Commuters suffering in this environment may carry the frustration to their offices or homes; this could impact their relationships. Night honking could significantly affect people already suffering from insomnia," said Dr Shradha Shejekar, consultant psychiatrist, Aster RV Hospital.

Bengaluru-Mysuru Road to partially open on August 15



The first phase of the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway from NICE Road Junction to Nidaghatta is almost complete, except for the flyover near Kumbalagodu

First phase of work complete, NHAI plans to partially open the expressway for commuters from Nidaghatta

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It's bitter and sweet news for commuters of the Bengaluru-Mysuru Road. The good news is that the first phase of the Bengaluru-Mysuru Road is likely to be partially opened from August 15. However, you may have to wait longer to take the new Mysuru Road as the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is unlikely to meet the Dasara deadline.

The first phase of the expressway from NICE Road Junction to Nidaghatta is almost complete, except for the flyover near Kumbalagodu. As per the plan, the vehicles coming from Nidaghatta to Bengaluru will be allowed initially. But with the flyover work still in progress commuters will have to take the road below the flyover to reach the city, the sources informed.

There are plans to allow traffic from Bengaluru to Nidaghatta from mid-September. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's convoy used the expressway on Thursday. CM visited Mysuru via helicopter and returned to the city via the highway. The convoy took the expressway from Channarayana.

The toll will only be collected after traffic from both sides is allowed to use the highway, the sources said. A bike rally has been planned for the opening day.

Dasara deadline missed

The authorities claimed to finish the expressway work by Dasara, this year. But looking at the progress of the work, it seems unlikely.

NHAI sources said that four km of the highway was damaged during the recent rainfall in Mandya. Apart from this, work is incomplete at many stretches. The recent showers have slowed down work's pace.

The first phase of the road involved six lanes of the road from the NICE Road Junction (near Kengeri) to Nidaghatta. This stretch was to be completed by May this year. But, now after partial opening, this stretch is likely to be operational only by mid-September.

The second phase, from Nidaghatta to Mysuru Ring Road

There are plans to allow traffic from Bengaluru to Nidaghatta from mid-September

was to be completed by September this year, but it seems unlikely. The cost of the first phase is Rs 3,501 crore and the second phase is Rs 2,920 crore. This project will have five bypasses to avoid the traffic congestion in the towns all along the highway. The Bidadi bypass will be 6.9-km long, Ramanagara-Channarayana 22.35 km, Maddur 4.5 km, Mandya 10 km and Srirangapatna 8 km. Besides this, there will be an eight km long corridor along with nine major bridges, 44 minor bridges and four railway overpasses.

The NHAI authorities claim that once the road is complete, it will be a 75-minute drive as against three hours currently. A new lay-bye will be created at Ramanagar Bypass Road. The toll booths will be at Kumbalagodu and Srirangapatna.

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The stench of leaking drains & civic apathy

Near Jeevodya Ashram in Doddakannalli, residents face stink of accumulated water and mosquitoes every day

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For the residents staying near Doddakannalli's Jeevodya Ashram, the day begins and ends with a stench. A leaking drain in the neighbourhood is the culprit and while mosquitoes and stagnant water continue to make matters worse, they say authorities have not done anything to resolve the situation.

Aishwarya S, a resident, said, "The drain has been leaking for the last two months and nothing has been done yet. Last week I managed to find the number of the MLA and tried contacting him, but nothing happened. If the drain is not fixed soon then there will be a lot of health problems."

The residents add that since the water not being cleaned for a very long time, there has been an increase in the number of mosquitoes in the locality as well.

Radhika M, another resident of the area, added that because of the water being accumulated for so long, there has been an increase in the number of bugs in this place. "There are a lot of small kids in the area, for them it is becoming very risky, if the area is not



In Doddakannalli, the stretch is muddy, stinky and a breeding spot for mosquitoes and insects

"We have tried to contact BBMP officials so many times, but in vain. This issue must be taken seriously"

— Sudhir Gowda, a resident

cleared on time, then the kids staying here have high chances of falling sick."

Shankar M, another local citizen, complained, "The entire area is now looking very shabby. Even the mosquitoes are causing us a lot of problems."

The residents have also

said that they have tried several times to contact the authorities and asked them to provide a solution to this problem. However, all their calls went in vain. Sudhir Gowda, another resident of the area, said, "We have tried so many times to contact the BBMP officials, but nothing was done by them to improve the condition of this place and clean the place. This should be taken seriously because a lot of people live here and for them this situation is becoming very difficult."

A BBMP official said that they would soon look into the matter.

DID YOU KNOW?



Central Prison, Bangalore (also called Bangalore Central Jail and Parappana Agrahara Central Prison) is the largest prison in Karnataka. Established in 1997, it became the central prison of Bangalore in 2000 when the old jail, which has since been converted to Freedom Park, was shut for renovation. Bangalore Central Jail too functioned as a prison till 2008. When the number of inmates increased beyond its capacity, a new prison was built in Parappana Agrahara and the jail was shifted to the new premises. The redesigned jail was named as Freedom Park and was opened to the general public in November 2008. (Inputs from Wikipedia and bangaloremirror.com)

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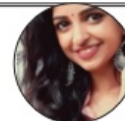
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Noell James Padayattil,
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I feel at home whenever I go to Madiwala where there is a homely culture amalgamated in the area.



Rinita Davis,
Social media influencer

Koramangala was our mini chilling spot and I miss going to different pubs with my friends there.



Pooja Panchal K, Student

Street shopping and the authentic food in Malleswaram is an all-time experience that I will cherish. The entire area gives us amazing vibes.



Anumodh M,
Employee at Concentrix

Sunrise at Bannerghatta hills amidst the mist is my go-to place now. Early morning rides freshen me up from all the week's stress.



D Babu, BM Reader

My favorite locality is Malleswaram as here, one can still come across a mixture of old and new traditions. It's a very big commercial hub at the same time. From A to Z, you get all things here.



Syed Maher Ul Huq,
Senior IT Project Manager

My favourite locality is Fraser Town. This locality still has a lot of colonial architecture, bungalows reminding us of its rich history; at the same time, this locality is very modern and cosmopolitan. You can feel the old-world charm in today's contemporary age. Also, it is the only go-to locality in the city during the festival days of Ramzan and Christmas.

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What are your plans for the long weekend?

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B'luru mulls extension of 10% discount on guidance value

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The government is contemplating extending the 10% discount on guidance value — the minimum price at which a property can be sold — for another quarter, especially since the rebate has helped accelerate recovery of the real estate sector from a pandemic-induced slump.

First introduced in January, the rebate was initially in force until March 31, but buoyed by the positive response, the government extended the discount till July 23. It now wants to extend it for another three months at least. The rebate was well received when it was first introduced.

The number of documents registered increased by 90,253 in the quarter (Jan-March) compared to the corresponding period the previous year. Revenue to the state exchequer also shot up by Rs 333.3 crore and the stamps and registra-



The rebate has helped accelerate recovery of real estate sector

tion department mopped up Rs 14,246 crore against a target of Rs 12,655 crore for the financial year 2021-22.

Buoyed by the response, the government extended the discount for three more months, a period during which it earned Rs 5,200 crore compared to Rs 3,317 crore last year. An official said the stamps and registration department had

studied the effect the discount had on government revenue and submitted a report on it to revenue minister R Ashoka.

"The response has been very good, and we will continue with the rebate for three more months since it is beneficial to both the consumer and the government," Ashoka said last week. Revenue department officials say a proposal

has been sent to the finance department for approval. Chief minister Basavaraj Bommai, who holds the finance portfolio, is reportedly in favour of extending the rebate. The reduction in guidance value is significant both from consumer perspective and trade. Since it reduces purchase costs — 5 per cent stamp duty and 1.5 per cent registration charges are levied on guidance value — consumers save a substantial amount of money. This helps boost sales.

For example, a consumer must pay Rs 21.6 lakh in stamp duty and registration charges if he buys a 60x40ft plot on MG Road in Bengaluru, where the guidance value is Rs 18,000 per sqft. A 10 per cent rebate means the consumer needs to pay only Rs 19.4 lakh.

"It will help if the government notifies continuation of reduction quickly," said Bhaskar T Nagendrappa, president of CREDAI-Bengaluru. "Registrations have fallen after the minister announced the proposal last week as consumers prefer to wait for the reduction."

Kanakapura Rd, a developing residential, commercial hub

This week's realty hot spot is the developing suburb of Kanakapura Road in Bengaluru. Kanakapura Road is a developing residential and commercial suburb in south-west Bengaluru. It has several multistorey residential projects by popular developers like Godrej, Prestige, Brigade and Total Environment.

Birds' eye view of the happening locality

Connectivity: Connectivity provided by Kanakapura Road, NICE Ring Road, Green line metro and BMTC local bus network.

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Nude photo shoot: Police summons Ranveer Singh

Bollywood actor Ranveer Singh, who recently got embroiled in a controversy for posing nude for a magazine photoshoot, has now been summoned by the Mumbai Police for the same.

The 'Padmaavat' actor will be served notice to record his statement in connection with his nude photoshoot controversy. He has been summoned to appear before the police on August 22.

A team of Mumbai Police reached his residence on Friday but couldn't serve the notice because Ranveer is not present in Mumbai right now.

An FIR had been registered against Ranveer on July 26, on a complaint filed at the Chembur Police Station. Reportedly, the case was filed after



receiving the complaint by an office-bearer of the NGO who had alleged that the actor hurt the sentiments of women with his nude photos. — **ANI**

This film can drive fans crazy

Ravi Bopanna made under the banner of Sri Eswari Productions established by Ravichandran's father N Veeraswamy is a remake of Malayalam movie Joseph that released in 2011 and was re-made in Tamil as Visithiran and in Telugu as Sekhar.

Ravi Bopanna (Ravichandran) is a retired cop who spends his time smoking beedis (are we to assume he doesn't have money to buy cigarettes), boozing and then smashing the booze bottles. His mind is full of memories of his (ex) wives – Radhika (Radhika Kumaraswamy) and Spoorthy (Kavya Shetty) – and his house full of liquor and wine bottles. His colleagues depend on him to solve cases. Superintendent of Police Avinash (Dharma) summons Bopanna to solve a double-murder case and voila, Bopanna solves it in 15 minutes.

His ex-wife Spoorthy gets severely injured in a road accident and succumbs to injuries despite being admitted to a private hospital. He comes to know that Spoorthy died not of her injuries but was murdered by a gang involved in illegal organ trafficking. And he embarks on a probe along with his friends (Mohan, Ramakrishna, Ravi Shankar Gowda). What happens to

him is the climax -- and also what is Sudeep's role.

As a director, Ravichandran, as usual, has tried to do things in his inimitable style. Let it be song sequences or breaking of liquor bottles and glasses, Ravichandran has added a lot of hullabaloo to make give the film his signature. The shattering of glass is almost a relentless motif.

His role as a retired police officer was pulled off well. And the flexibility and support of the two leading ladies proves they are good choices. They compete with each other to for the audiences' attention. Sudeep's role as an advocate is brief, but impactful.

Music by Ravichandran is catch, special mention to the songs Shareera Yake Hinge and Heeronu Ivane Villanu Ivane. Ravichandran's fans will enjoy this flick as he is the hero as well as the villain and also as crazy as they love him to be.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

Batiste out of The Late Show

Jon Batiste, his career soaring after winning multiple Grammys this year, is leaving his perch as bandleader of "The Late Show" after a seven-year run backing up host Stephen Colbert.

"We've been so lucky to have a front row seat to Jon's incredible talent for the past seven years," Colbert said on Thursday's show. "But we're happy



for you, Jon, and I can't wait to have you back on as guest with your next hit record."

Louis Cato, who has served as interim bandleader this summer, will take over on a permanent basis when the show returns for its eighth season. He has been with the show since its launch. Colbert called him a musical genius.

"He can play basically every instrument over there," Colbert said.



Ravi Bopanna
3.5
 RATING ★★★★★
 ● **DIRECTOR** Ravichandran
 ● **ACTORS** Ravichandran, Radhika
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 ● **CERTIFICATION** U/A
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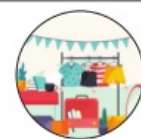
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Alluring Heritage Bridal Jewellery Designs Ideas

Your big day is around the corner, which in bridal parlance means a couple of months away, and whether you are choosing to wear a sari, a lehenga, or a gharara, one thing is for sure – your look is going to be incomplete without the right bridal jewellery. With so many bridal jewellery designs inundating the market, it must get difficult to choose the one that is right for you.

As a ground rule, it is important for most brides-to-be to invest in five pieces of bridal jewellery – a kundan choker or a collar necklace, a panchlada necklace that can be layered with the choker, a maangtikka (forehead jewellery), a round nosepin, and a pair of dangle earrings. Here's a full list of the newest in bridal jewellery that women must know about. Whether you use it to navigate purchasing jewellery for yourself or are just being a hands-on bridesmaid, this will help you a little and then some.

Nose pins

There are myriad types of naths that a bride can choose to wear to her nuptials. However, for the sake of convenience, we can segregate them into three main types:

- Small round naths – Come in press-on versions and are perfect for women who want to wear a nath but want to keep it minimal.
- Round naths with simple ear chains – Can be a press-on nath and is also available in iterations with nose pins. They usually come with a single strand of pearl-embellished kaan chain or simple gold chain.
- Dramatic round naths with extravagant ear chains – These usually come with nose pins as they are heavy with the embellishments in pearl and kundan on the nath itself. The kaan chain is multi-strand and equally extravagant.

Pro Tip: No matter which size of nath you



choose to wear, practice wearing it a few days before the big day. Even clip-on versions can feel heavy and inconvenient after wearing them for longer durations.

Bridal Earrings

For brides whose bridal looks or pre-wedding looks are traditional lehengas, saris and ghararas, they can look toward maximalist jhumkas or chandbalis. Jhumkas in uncut diamonds and enamel or chandbalis with original kundan and micro-pearls are great options for earrings.

For brides, they can attach multi-strand Kaan chains to their earrings to zush up the look even further.

Pro Tip: If the blouse of your wedding outfit is a high-neck one and you are going sans necklace, then you need earrings

that will be heavy and possess grandeur enough to make up for the lack of a necklace. Opt for heavy chandbalis in such cases as they are wide enough (unlike jhumkas that are mainly elongated) so they look grand.

Bridal Necklaces

Chokers are the most versatile piece of bijoux in a bride's wedding jewellery arsenal. It can be worn alone or paired with longer necklaces (as shown in the picture above) to achieve a more royal look.

Chokers that feature precious stones like emeralds or rubies or simply jadau are also a great investment. Apart from this, chokers featuring pastel enamel work are wonderful for women who want to have confectionery hues in their wedding jewellery.

One of the latest trends in bridal chokers is wearing navratna chokers (featuring nine gemstones in the same necklace) that go with all Indian traditional wedding outfits. For brides who don't like their necklaces to fit snugly, there are several collar necklaces available that sit on the clavicle and are available in heritage options, too.

Pro Tip: Chokers can be layered with long necklaces on blouses that feature deep plunging necklines. For blouses with high necks, pie-crust-inspired chokers are great.

Bridal Rani Haar

Long necklaces in jadau and kundan in single or multi-strand are loosely

called rani haars in the Indian bridal jewellery terms. These can be worn with boat necks, or high-neck blouses and can be layered with chokers. In many traditions, when a rani haar has seven or five strands it is called a satlada or panchlada necklace which is usually a long necklace with strands of pearls that converge into one big teardrop pendant at the end.

Pro Tip: A rani haar

looks best when layered with a choker for a grand bridal look. In South Indian long necklaces are also found with traditional temple work on them.

Tikka or Patti

Thanks to recent celebrity weddings, maang tikka and matha pattis have come back to the fore with these jewelries, too, inundated with precious gems and diamonds. For brides

who want a minimal headpiece, maang tikkas come in a bevy of options. Of late, the trending maang tikka designs feature a big pendant.

Matha pattis are the heritage headgears that have made a comeback in the bridal space, once again thanks to many celebrities who have made it a part of their wedding look. Wear the matha patti with the dupatta slightly pulled back.

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According to airport officials, Airbus 320 landed at the Coimbatore international airport around 12 pm. The alarm went off after the twin

engines allegedly overheated. The engineers checked the engines and declared that there was some fault in the alarm. They also declared that the flight was 'fit to travel'.

"The plane with 92 passengers left for Male from Bengaluru today at 12 pm. An hour after the flight took off, the engine overheated and the warning bell sounded. Shocked by this, the

pilot contacted air traffic control and requested permission to land at the nearby Coimbatore airport. Permission was granted at Coimbatore Airport. Firefighters and rescue workers were on standby after the plane landed," said officials.

The flight landed safely at the Coimbatore airport at 12:57 pm. All passengers were disembarked and the

entire aircraft was searched.

According to reports, there was no sign of ignition on the flight.

Earlier, Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia chaired a high-level meeting with senior officials of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) over air safety after three emergency landings at airports

in the country in the last 48 hours.

He said, "Safety is the top-most paramount priority and a directive has been issued by the ministry to adhere to strictness about the safety issues and maintain the highest safety standards as per international norms."

A senior official in the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) informed that the three recent emergency landings were made in Calicut, Chennai, and Kolkata on Friday and Saturday. **-ANI**

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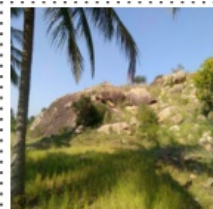
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- ಕಳೆದ 2003ರಿಂದ ಇಲ್ಲಿಯವರೆಗೆ 58 ಕಿಡಿ ಕೆಎಸ್ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. 52 ಜೀವಂತ ದಾನಿಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ 7 ಮೆದುಳು ನಿಷ್ಕ್ರಿಯಗೊಂಡ ದಾನಿಗಳು.
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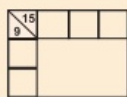
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$$7^{2.2} \times 7^{7.4} \times 9^{8.7} \times 7^{3.2} \times 9^{3.2} = 63^x$$

$$x = ?$$

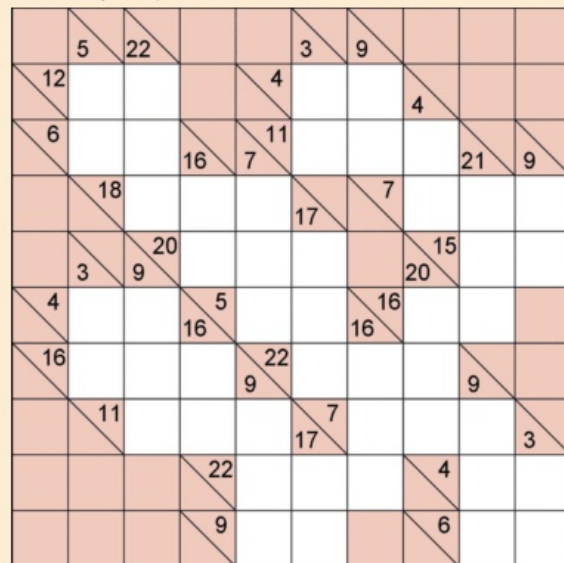
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

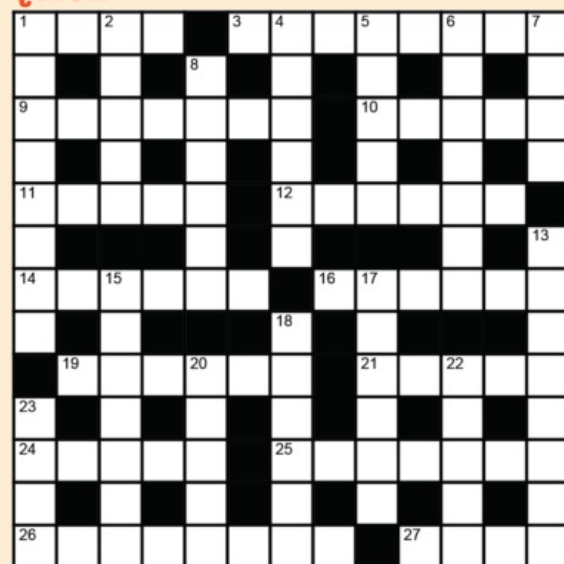


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 1 Action word (4)
- 3 Spray (8)
- 9 Indonesian island (7)
- 10 Bo ____ : No. 10 heroine ? (5)
- 11 Belief or credo (5)
- 12 Land of the Aztecs (6)
- 14 Alcove (6)
- 16 Formal clothes (6)
- 19 Late Ms Swaraj of the BJP (6)
- 21 Initial (5)
- 24 Clip wool (5)
- 25 Pilot (7)
- 26 Dawn or sunrise (8)
- 27 Girl's name (4)

DOWN

- 1 Callers or guests (8)
- 2 Scientist Dr. C. V. ____ (5)
- 4 Songs of praise (6)
- 5 List of contents (5)
- 6 Pakistan's largest city (7)
- 7 They are large deer of North American continent (4)
- 8 Declares (6)
- 13 Guessed (8)
- 15 Vary cue anagram for a South Indian river (7)
- 17 Midday meal in India (6)
- 18 Toronto locale (6)
- 20 Employer (5)
- 22 Squeal or complain about? (3,2)
- 23 Second-hand, not new (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: T EQUALS G
WUUCZT YADEJTA CW DVDUMP
WUUCZT CZYE.



Linemaro

God must have been thinking of your eyes when he made stars



Mindchow

A hundred men together are the hundredth part of a man



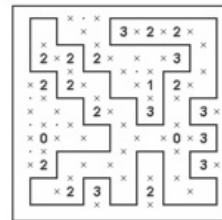
Joke of the day

To annoy people, signal that a conversation is over by clamping your hands over your ears

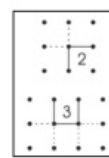
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

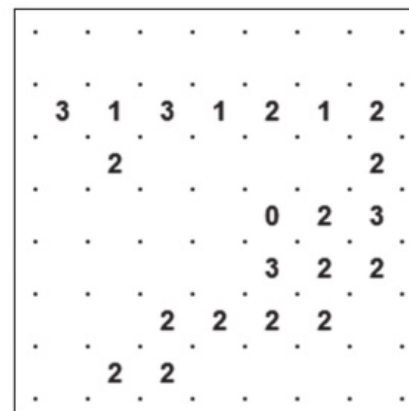


(Fig B) Not Allowed

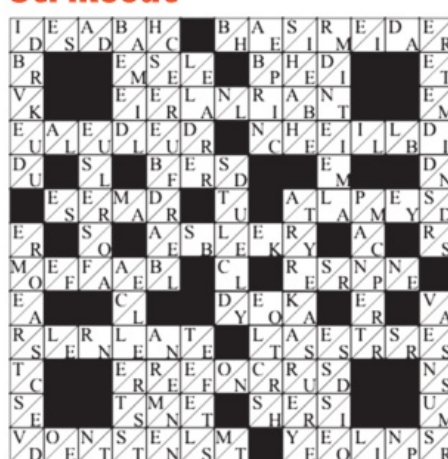
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



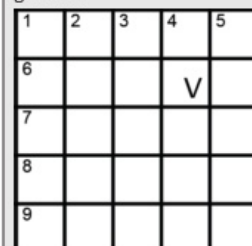
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

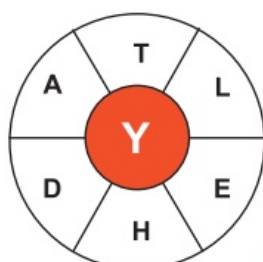
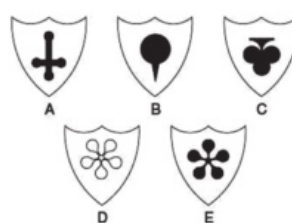
- 1 A doll; 6 V Lara;
- 7 No rig; 8 Genoa;
- 9 Slope

DOWN

- 1 A gall; 2 Or gal;
- 3 Do Pro; 4 Envoy;
- 5 Elans

Mensapuzzle

Which shield should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 06 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

□ □ □ □ □ = 15

1 4 4 6

Medium

□ □ □ □ □ = 1

2 3 3 7

Hard

□ □ □ □ □ = 32

4 5 7 5

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Place mat is moved. 2. Hand is moved. 3. One side of collar is missing. 4. Nose is smaller. 5. Bow tie is missing. 6. Window is not as wide.

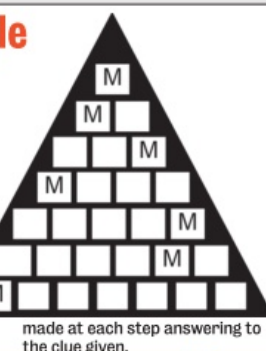
Riddler

Rearrange the letter-groups to make three capital cities: HMA, EST, BUC, STO, KAT, OLM, HAR, NDU, CKH.

Alpha triangle

- 1 One thousand
- 2 Lambda follower
- 3 Aggregate
- 4 Have to
- 5 Play the banjo
- 6 Form of tuberculosis
- 7 Pungent condiment

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

COMICS

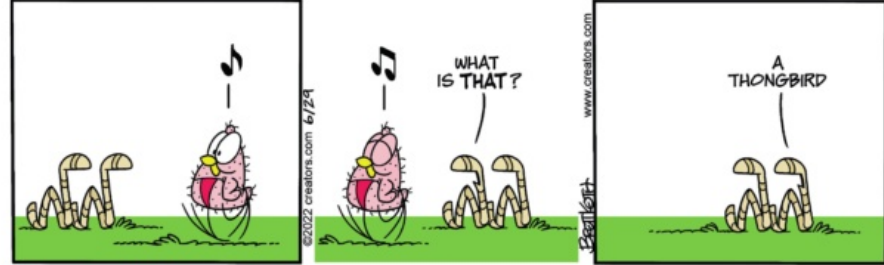
Redeye by Mel Casson



Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today you are blessed by the moon, which can make you happy. You may be busy at work. You might increase your network in terms of work. With the help of elders, you will implement new plans into your work for getting success in the near future. You may plan to visit some close relative or party with friends.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today, with the help of elders, you may become confident. Your working efficiency may be increased. You can start new innovations in terms of business and work. You are likely to have smart gains after small investments. Opponents and rivals are now under control. You may help some needy person by giving money. You may bring creative items for your house.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today time is favourable. You may be able to control your expenditure. Your savings are likely to be increased. You may be busy at home. You may bring some artefacts for your home. You may also plan to renovate your office. There is an atmosphere of joy and happiness in the family. Lovebirds may plan to get married. Singles may find their soulmate. Kids will perform well.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today there may be some dull feeling in you, which can make you sensitive and emotional. You may have some health-related issues. It is advised to avoid rash driving. You are advised to keep an eye on hidden enemies and opponents as you might be a victim of conspiracy. It is advised for lovebirds to keep patience and avoid arguments.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today things are mixed. You may be busy with kids. Expect a short trip related to their academics. You will also enjoy romantic moments. Couples may hear good news in terms of children. You may plan to go for outings with family or friends. Working professionals can plan for higher education to increase their skills.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today things are under control and you may feel some new energy which will give you confidence. You may find a new way towards success at work. Parental business may reach new heights. Chronic illness may likely be cured. You may also plan for an overseas trip.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today you may try to analyse yourself and figure out your mistakes. Self-analysis will boost confidence at work. In partnerships, disputes are likely to be resolved. Warmth with your spouse is likely to be improved. Students can make quick decisions in terms of their career. Singles may find a good match.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today may not be the best day for you. You could be impatient and unable to focus on your goals. Investments in fixed assets are advised to be postponed for a while. It is advised to take care of your parent's health.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today there may be some dull feeling in you, which can make you upset and impatient. You are likely to face some health-related issues. It is advised to avoid rash driving and adventure tours. You are advised to keep an eye on hidden enemies and opponents; you might be a victim of conspiracy. You should avoid arguments.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today, with the blessings of the moon, you may have happiness around you. Projects that were stopped will be on track now. Equations with your spouse may be stronger. You may perform well at work. Singles are likely to find their soulmate. Lovebirds can convert their relationship into marriage. You may get promotions in your job.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today you may feel energetic and courageous. You are likely to buy some important household items for your home or office. Your inner strength is likely to be helpful for finishing your projects before deadlines. Disputes with the siblings may likely be resolved. There may be some short trips related to work, which will boost your network.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today may be good for your professional life. You may become passionate towards your work, which will give you mental tiredness. You may not be able to reach on time for a family or social gathering. Your spouse may support you to maintain domestic harmony. Lovebirds can make important decisions in terms of marriage. Job seekers may hear good news in terms of a suitable job with help from friends.



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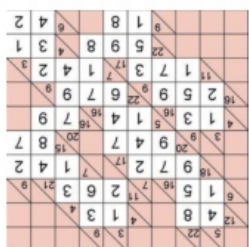
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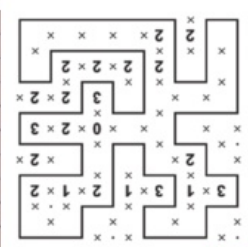
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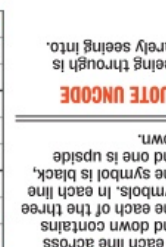
LOOP



ALPHA



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MENSA PUZZLE



QUICK



STRIKE OUT



BULLS EYE



SOLVE IN 1M

Aim for larger-than-life

Mouni Roy keen on working in South Indian movies due to their brilliant content

Actress Mouni Roy, who will be seen in filmmaker Ayan Mukerji's upcoming film 'Brahmastra', said that she would like to work in South Indian movies as she is dying to be a part of larger-than-life movies.

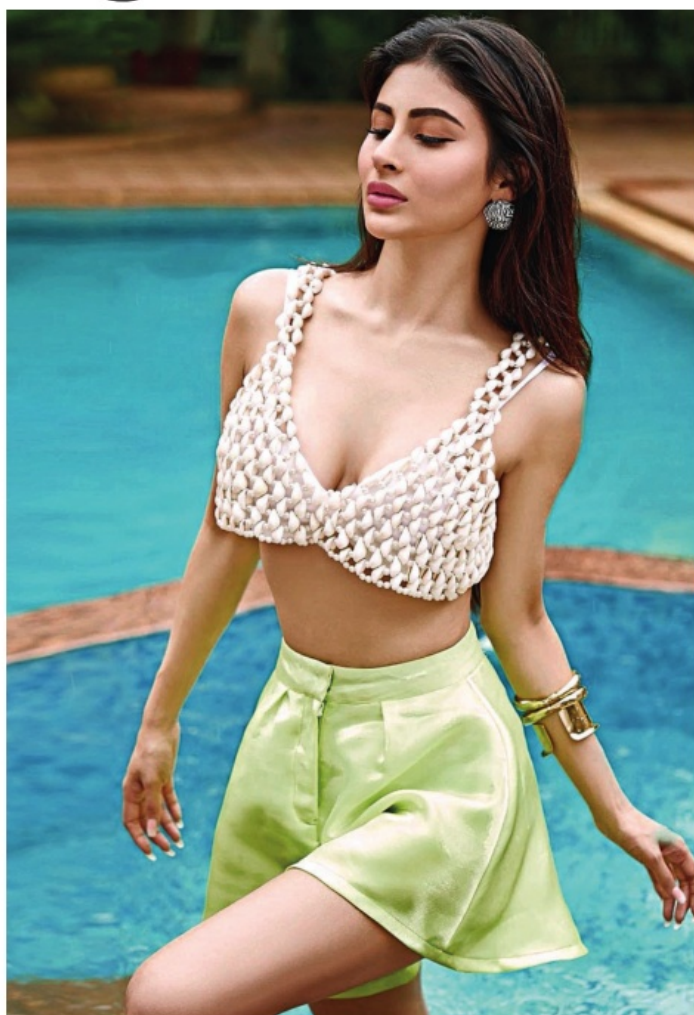
When asked if she would like to work in South Indian films, Mouni in ShareChat LIVE Audio Chatroom said: "I am keen on being a part of films down South, and I really think they are making some brilliant content. I am dying to be a part of the larger-than-life movies they are making."

Roy also revealed how she loves to watch 'Friends' and showed affection towards Rachel and Phoebe's characters.

"Friends' is my go-to show. Whenever I am really happy or sad, I start watching Friends as it makes me feel good. I feel like I am hanging out with them."

Revealing her favourite characters from the show, she added, "I love them all, but I feel that I am a combination of Rachel and Phoebe myself." 'Brahmastra' is a fantasy adventure trilogy. It also stars Amitabh Bachchan, Alia Bhatt, Ranbir Kapoor and Nagarjuna.

—ETimes



Big birthday surprise



Bollywood actress Sara Ali Khan, who turned 27 on Friday, was given a surprise by her fans, who lit up billboards in Times Square, New York, and did a flash mob where they danced to all her songs.

Sara is currently stationed in New York for her work commitments and will be celebrating her birthday in the city itself.

While her fans went out of their way to wish for Sara, the actress couldn't control herself and got emotional by this grand gesture.

The fans lit up the LED screen with Sara's pictures which also included pictures of her family and friends along with the birthday girl herself.

While on the film front, the actress was spotted shooting for 'Gaslight' with Vikrant Massey and has recently finished shooting for an untitled project next to Vicky Kaushal.

Sara has wrapped up major portions of two films and is all set to start with the third film, which is yet to be announced.

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